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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20054

Summary of Ex Parte Comment

FCC Docket 06-181 in regard to exemption requests and In Re DA 06-1802, released 9/12/06, Memorandum Opinion and Order In the Matter of Anglers for Christ Ministries, Inc, CGB-CC-0005, and New Beginning Ministries, CGB-CC-0007, Video Programming Accessibility Petitions for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

FCC Docket 05-231 Closed Captioning

Dear Commission:

I am filing this ex parte notice as follow-up to a comment made via telephone call with Ms. Monica DeSai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, on November 17, 2006.

In this phone call I re-asserted AAPD's concern with this Order (DA 06-1802) and reiterated the importance of the policy established in "The Wild Outdoors" Order, in regard to the codification that it is distributors of video programming² — whether longstanding or new entrants — who are the entities who must comply with the requirements for closed captioning in video programming.³

Sincerely,

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¹ In The Matter Of The Wild Outdoors. Video Programming Accessibility Petition for Waiver of Closed Captioning Requirements CSR 5949; DA 05-1913, Adopted 06/29/2005; established as policy that an undue burden analysis consider whether the petitioner asked the video programming distributor.

² Defined at 47 CFR Part 79.1(a)(2).

³Requirements for such entities at 47 CFR Part 79.1(b) and (c).

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